

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Soren NIELSEN et al

Washington, D.C.

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Docket No.:NIELSEN3B

For: METHODS OF TREATMENT OF ...

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

- 5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 wherein the dosage of α -MSH and/or of an α -MSH equivalent and EPO and/or an EPO equivalent is administered as a single dosage, regular or continued administration, or as a sequential administration.
- 6. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 wherein condition is caused by an infection.
- 7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 wherein the condition is caused by a cancer or a by premalignant disorder.
- 8. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 wherein the $\alpha\text{-MSH}$ equivalent is a substance acting on the $\alpha\text{-MSH}$ receptor and/or on the melanocortin receptor.

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